

**Spencer Town Council Regular Meeting
September 16th, 2013
Municipal Building
90 N. West Street
Spencer, IN 47460**

Board Members present: Cynthia Hyde, Jon Stantz, and Dean Bruce

Also present: Clerk-Treasurer Cheryl Moke, Attorney Richard Lorenz, Sewer Superintendent John Hodge, Street Superintendent Larry Parrish, Deputy Marshal Tony Stevens.

MEETING WAS OPENED WITH THE PLEDGE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR September 3rd, 2013 REGULAR MEETING

Dean Bruce made a correction to correct the size of the pipe from 56" to 48". He made a motion to accept the minutes as corrected, seconded by Jon Stantz and passed 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC ISSUES

BJ Bennett made a request to use the park area across from the Art Guild on September 21st for registration. The event will start around 9 a.m. and conclude around 4p.m. Jon Stantz made a motion to approve the use of the park, seconded by Dean Bruce. Motion passed.

Sharon Close, from Close Cuts at the corner of Vandalia and Morgan, presented information showing the flooding that continues to occur near her property. She showed pictures documenting damage from recent rains, and from the flood of 2008. Also present were Representative Bob Heaton, and Becky Gross and Hillary Lowther from INDOT. After much discussion about what could be done to alleviate flooding issues at this location and others, it was determined that until the State project that will commence in 2016 for repaving Morgan Street, and replacing drainage trunk lines, nothing would have a long term affect. Becky Gross offered to contact INDOT Maintenance from the Seymour District to have the drains cleaned when the equipment becomes available.

IN THE MATTER OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Deputy Marshal Tony Stevens had nothing to report.

IN THE MATTER OF THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Nothing to report

IN THE MATTER OF THE STREET DEPARTMENT

Larry Parrish reported he would be looking to hire two part time employees beginning October 1, for leafing season.

IN THE MATTER OF THE SEWER DEPARTMENT

John Hodge reported on the operations and maintenance of the sewer plant. He presented a quote for rebuilding six sludge pumps in the amount of \$1,272 for approval.

Jon Stantz made a motion to approve the rebuild of the six sludge pumps for preventative maintenance for the quote of \$1,272. It was seconded and approved.

Richard Lorenz stated that they received a message from Mathew Pierce regarding the 24 Y's that are being placed for the sewer project. The total cost will be \$6,440 and they will make up an invoice to present to the Town. He said he also received a bid of \$13,500 for installing the 5 laterals, but said no decision needed to be made at this time. He also said they will be sending letters to the interested individuals asking them make application on the hookups.

IN THE MATTER OF PLANNING/ZONING

Sheila Reeves announced that there is a Planning meeting scheduled for Tuesday, September 24th, at 7:00 p.m. at the Municipal Building.

IN THE MATTER OF THE CLERK TREASURER

The Clerk Treasurer presented two insurance options for the employee coverage. The existing plan is projected to go up 8.9%. A second option, which holds the costs where they are, would increase the deductible for the employees. The Clerk-Treasurer stated if the Board wanted to take some time to look at it, as long as they stayed with Anthem, they could make changes at any time. The Board opted to stay with the present plan, but take a closer look at options.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ATTORNEY

Richard Lorenz stated that the Huerta property foreclosure would take place on September 26th. He said that the property taxes would be paid. He also discussed the property that Pete Withem is

interested in selling to the Town an offer of \$2,000. In addition to this, Mr. Lorenz estimated that closing costs will be in the neighborhood of \$700. The board agreed to pay these costs in order to secure that piece of property.

IN THE MATTER OF NEW BUSINESS

Cynthia Hyde brought up a parking issue that exists on N. Wolf between Franklin and Morgan. Richard Lorenz made the point that the access to businesses along Morgan Street could change once the State Highway 46 project takes effect, causing travel on the existing side streets to increase. The Board agreed to give this more consideration and look at this street, and other that will be impacted, and how they can improve the traffic flow.

Mike Sudol approached the Council about the Main Street proposition for revitalization of the downtown area. His question was to learn how to move forward so that there is a comprehensive plan with input from the community. Cynthia Hyde suggested that the Town can apply for a grant for a planning study which will significantly provide more information and guidance. Cynthia Hyde said there are two parts, to the Main Street project. In order for the town to apply for state funds, a group must be formed by private individuals and business owners. The idea is that these groups two pursue funding and plan projects. Mike Sudol said he felt the help from the Town that his group needed was in the area of zoning and planning, to help them understand what they can, and cannot do. Dean Bruce suggested that the group that Mike Sudol represents should continue to keep the Board involved and updated with their progress.

IN THE MATTER OF CLAIMS

Claims were presented for approval.
Dean Bruce made a motion to approve the claims as presented. It was seconded and passed 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF SETTING THE TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING AND ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 8, at 7:oop.m. Dean Bruce motioned to adjourn at 8:10 pm.

_____ Cynthia Hyde, President	_____ Jon Stantz, Vice-President	_____ Dean Bruce, Board Member
Attest:_____		
Cheryl Moke, Clerk-Treasurer		